

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 9, 11, 12 and 15-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 9, 11 and 12 have been amended. Also, claims 15-17 have been presented herewith. Claims 1-8, 13 and 14 have been canceled.

Also by this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been revised to identify the parent application.

Also, enclosed are four (4) sheets of red-inked Annotated Marked-up Drawings. In Figs. 6(B) and 6(C), the side walls 21a of the gate electrodes have been denoted, as supported on page 24, line 24 and page 26, line 20 of the application. In Fig. 7(A), the side wall of the gate electrode has been denoted as 21a, as supported on page 27, lines 9-11 of the application. Figs. 8(A)-8(D), 9(A) and 9(B) have been denoted as "PRIOR ART".

The formal drawings as provided along with this application incorporate the above-noted drawing corrections therein.

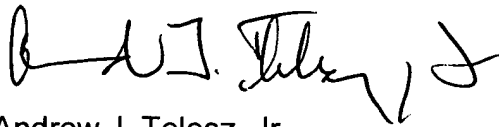
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosures: Four (4) sheets of red-inked Annotated Marked-up Drawings

FIG. 6(A)

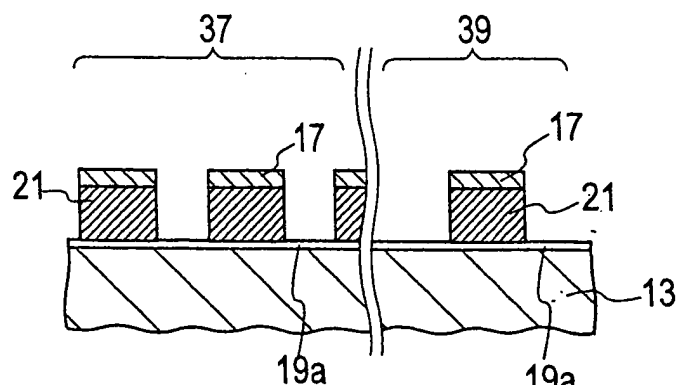


FIG. 6(B)

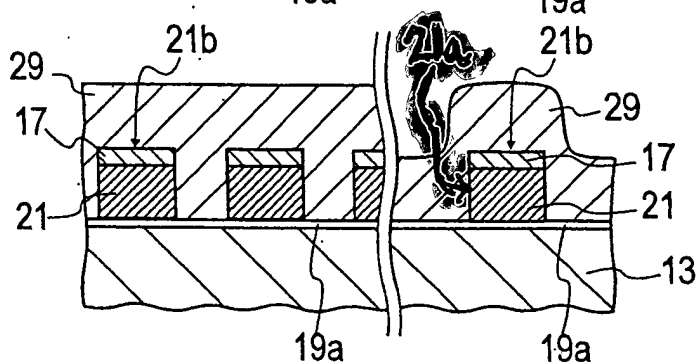


FIG. 6(C)

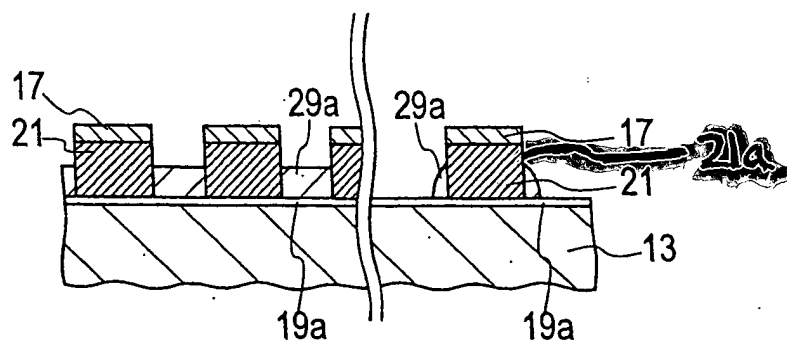


FIG. 6(D)

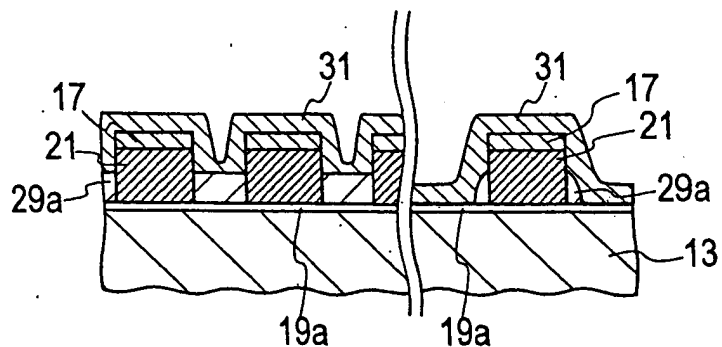


FIG. 7(A)

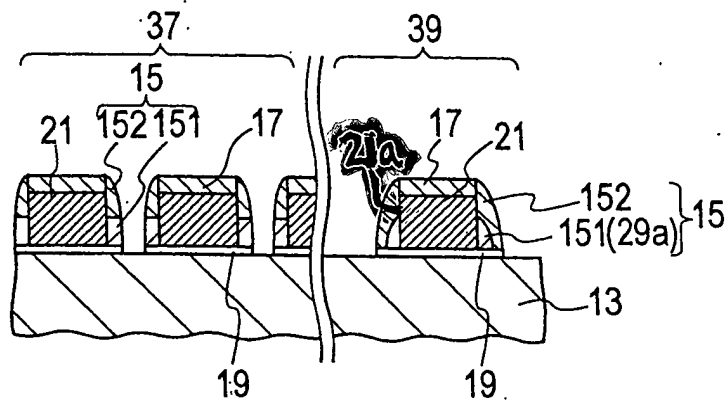


FIG. 7(B)

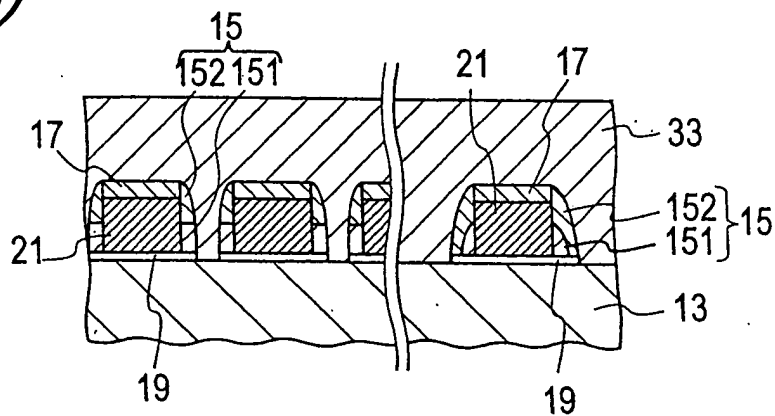


FIG. 7(C)

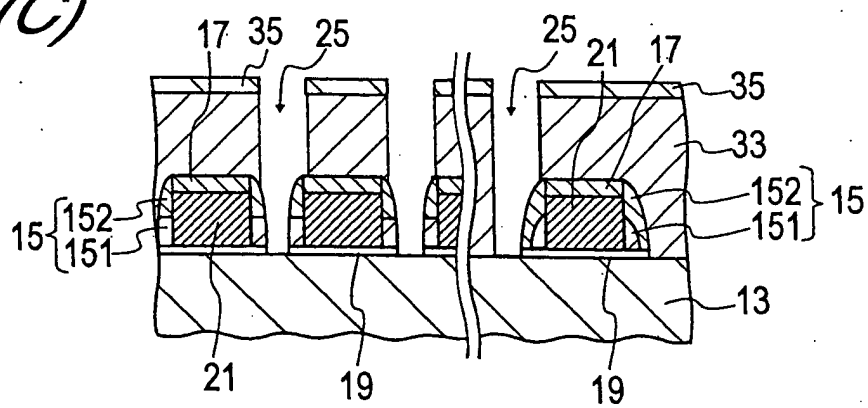


FIG. 8(A)
Prior Art

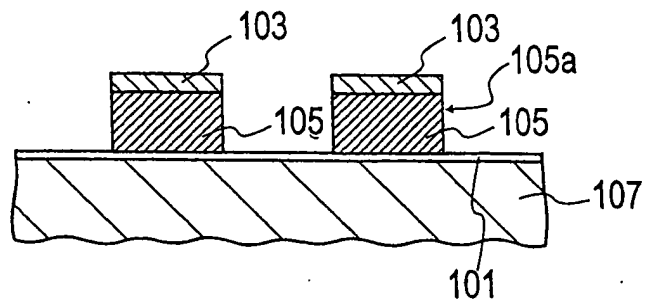


FIG. 8(B)
Prior Art

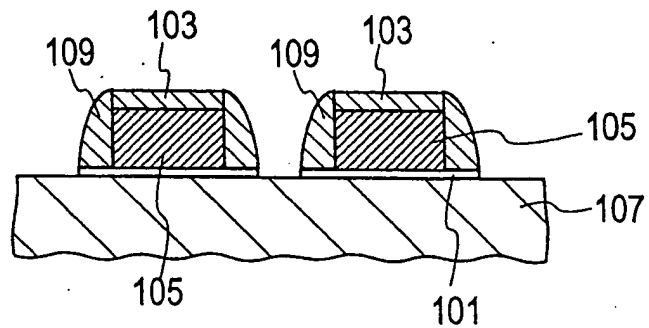


FIG. 8(C)
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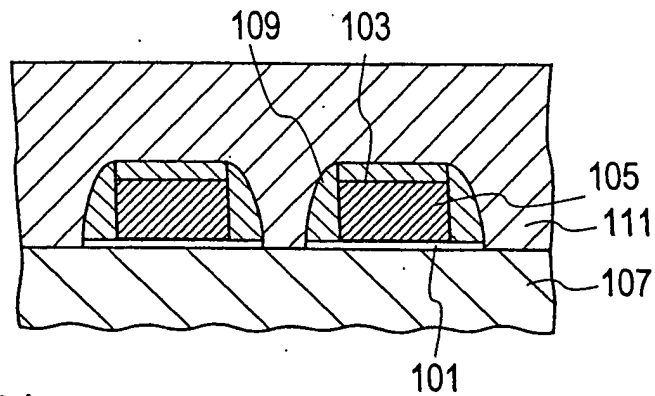


FIG. 8(D)
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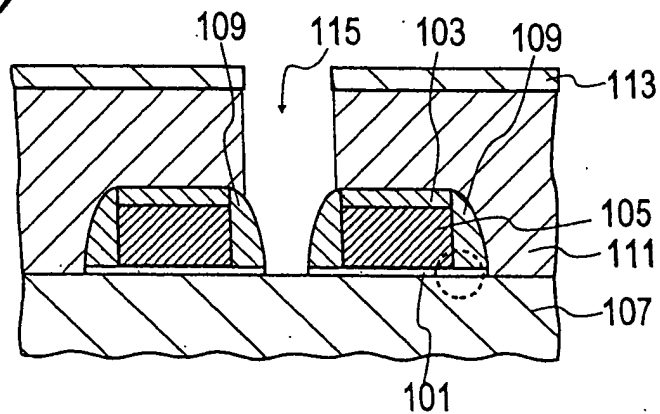


FIG. 9(A)

~~Prior Art~~

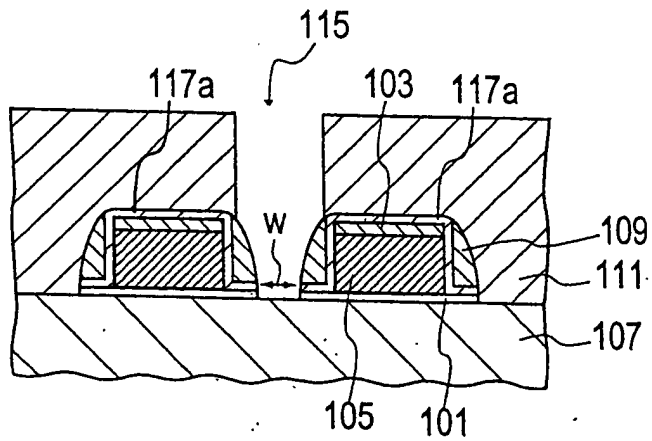


FIG. 9(B)

~~Prior Art~~

